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FOR SECRETARY HARTMEN FROM CHARGE

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TAGS: PFOR, CSCE, HU, OVPP (HARTMAN, ARTHUR A.)
SUBJECT: VISIT TO HUNGARY

REF: BUDAPEST 0882

1. DURING CALL AT FOREIGN OFFICE MARCH 24, AMBASSADOR BARTHA,
DIRECTOR, MFA DEPARTMENT V, PROVIDED GENERAL OUTLINE OF PROGRAM
FOR YOUR VISIT TO HUNGARY APRIL 4-7.

2. TENTATIVE PROGRAM IS AS FOLLOWS:
APRIL 4

2050 ARRIVAL AT FERIHEGY AIRPORT. MET BY DEPUTY FOREIGN
MINISTER NAGY AND AMBASSADOR BARTHA. (SINCE EVENING
OF APRIL 4 IS CLIMAX OF THREE-DAY NATIONAL CELEBRA-
TION OF LIBERATION OF HUNGARY, THERE IS OUTSIDE
POSSIBILITY THAT NAGY MAY NOT BE ABLE TO BE AT
AIRPORT.)

APRIL 5

0800 EMBASSY BRIEFING

0900-1200 MEETING AT FOREIGN OFFICE WITH DEPUTY FOREIGN
MINISTER NAGY FOR DISCUSSION OF BILATERAL
RELATIONS, CSCE, AND PREPARATIONS FOR
BELGRADE, AND OTHER EUROPEAN TOPICS OF

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INTEREST. WITH NAGY WILL BE BARTHA AND
AMBASSADOR PETRAN, FOREIGN OFFICE EXPERT ON
CSCE AND ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT MATTERS,
AND U.S. DESK OFFICER KISS.
1200 COURTESY CALL OF FOREIGN MINISTER FRIGYES
PUJA. (THIS CALL MAY SLIP TO 1230 DEPENDING
ON FOREIGN MINISTER'S SCHEDULE THAT DAY.)

1300 LUNCH HOSTED BY DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER NAGY.

1500 CALL ON JANOS BEREZ, CHIEF OF HSWP DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. (IN CONVERSATION WITH BEREZ YOU MAY WISH TO EXPLORE HUNGARY'S VIEW OF RELATIONS WITH EUROPEAN COMPARTIES NOT IN POWER IN EUROPE AND ELSEWHERE, HOW HSWP REGARDS IT ROLE WITHIN INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST MOVEMENT, AND, IF DISCUSSION ON RELATIONS WITH COMMUNIST PARTIES NOT IN POWER IN EUROPE DOES NOT ELICIT SOME FRUITFUL COMMENT ON SEPARATE ROADS TO SOCIALISM, YOU MAY WISH TO PURSUE THAT THEME.)

1930 DINNER AT LOCAL HUNGARIAN RESTAURANT REplete WITH GYPSY MUSIC.

APRIL 6

0730 DEPART FOR MISKOLC, ACCOMPANIED BY CHARGE AND DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER NAGY.

1000 ARRIVAL IN MISKOLC. (A BRIEF COURTESY CALL ON MAYOR OF MISKOLC HAS BEEN ARRANGED FOLLOWED BY TOUR OF TOWN, INCLUDING HIGH SPOTS OF CULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL LIFE.)

1300 LUNCH IN MISKOLC, AFTER WHICH PARTY WILL RETURN TO BUDAPEST.

1900 INFORMAL BUFFET DINNER AT CHARGE'S HOUSE WITH GUESTS INVITED FROM VARIOUS SECTORS OF HUNGARIAN LIFE.

APRIL 7

0810 DEPART FROM BUDAPEST BY PANAM. (AMBASSADOR-AT-LARGE ELLIOT RICHARDSON WILL BE ARRIVING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN BUDAPEST FROM MOSCOW AT 0710 ON MORNING OF APRIL 7 AND WILL ACCOMPANY YOU BACK TO WASHINGTON ON SAM FLIGHT. ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE WITH FOREIGN OFFICE TO ESCORT HIM IMMEDIATELY TO VIP LOUNGE UPON ARRIVAL FROM MOSCOW.)

3. AFTER CALL ON BEREZ APRIL 5, WE WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST AN INFORMAL, OFF-THE-RECORD, ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION WITH WELL-INFORMED AND INFLUENTIAL OPINION LEADERS OUTSIDE STRICTLY OFFICIAL CIRCLES, DURING WHICH THERE COULD BE A GIVE-AND TAKE ON FOREIGN POLICY ISSUES. WE THINK THIS WOULD GIVE YOU A CHANCE TO CHAT WITH AND HEAR VIEWS OF PEOPLE WHO ARE EDITORS, FOREIGN AFFAIRS SPECIALISTS, AND SENIOR COMMENTATORS OF HUNGARIAN NEWSPAPER, RADIO AND TV, ALL WELL INFORMED ABOUT HUNGARIAN AND WARSAW PACT POLICIES AS WELL AS RELATIONS WITH WEST. IT WOULD ALSO PROVIDE YOU AN EXCELLENT FORUM TO EXPLAIN ON BACKGROUND BASIS EMERGING FOREIGN POLICY OF NEW ADMINISTRATION.

WE WOULD PROPOSE TO DO THIS AT THE RESIDENCE OF THE PAO AROUND 1700 HOURS EVENING OF APRIL 6 ON A VERY INFORMAL BASIS.

4. BARTHA INQUIRED WHETHER THERE IS ANYTHING SPECIAL IN MISKOLC, OR ITS ENVIRONS, THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE. HE ALSO ASKED FOR A LIST OF TWO OR THREE SUBJECTS WHICH YOU WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS DURING YOUR TALK WITH BERECH SO AS NOT TO TRAMPLE OVER THE SAME GROUND WITH HIM AS WITH FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIALS IN THE MORNING. DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER NAGY, BY HAPPENSTANCE, IS A NATIVE OF THE MISKOLC AREA AND THUS KNOWS ITS ENVIRONS INTIMATELY. HIS KNOWLEDGE OF THE AREA SHOULD PROVIDE AN ADDED DIMENSION TO YOUR VISIT TO THAT CITY.

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5. BARTHA SAID THAT, OF COURSE, NAGY WOULD BE OFFICIAL HOST FOR VISIT, ADDING THAT HE WISHED TO UNDERSCORE POINT THAT GOH PLACES GREAT STORE BY YOUR VISIT AND REGARDS IT AS ANOTHER FORWARD STEP IN ONGOING POLITICAL DIALOGUE. HE SAID THAT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH GENERAL GOH PRACTICE IN VISITS OF THIS KIND, THERE WOULD BE A FACTUAL COMMUNIQUE ISSUED RE YOUR VISIT.

6. BARTHA SAID THAT UNFORTUNATELY PROGRAM DOCUMENT CURRENTLY UNDER NEGOTIATION AS PART OF OUR CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGES AGREEMENT WOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE IN TIME FOR YOUR VISIT. HE INQUIRED WHETHER YOU WISHED TO SIGN FORMALLY THE CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGES AGREEMENT, INITIALED LATE LAST YEAR, OR WHETHER IT COULD BE LEFT TO A LATER DATE. IN LIGHT OF CURRENT

INSTRUCTIONS FROM DEPARTMENT, CHARGE TOOK LIBERTY OF SAYING THAT UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES HE DID NOT BELIEVE THAT YOU WOULD WISH TO DO SO (SEE BUDAPEST 0969). IF YOU SHOULD WISH TO SIGN THIS AGREEMENT, THERE WILL BE, OF COURSE, NO DIFFICULTY IN ARRANGING IT.

7. ACTION REQUESTED:

(A) ALTHOUGH FOREGOING IS ONLY TENTATIVE PROGRAM, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR REACTION TO IT, INCLUDING ANY SUGGESTIONS YOU MAY WISH TO MAKE.

(B) WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE AN EXPRESSION OF YOUR PARTICULAR INTERESTS IN MISKOLC AREA.

(C) WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR REACTION TO SUGGESTED MEETING WITH BEREZ AND ANY COMMENTS YOU MAY WISH TO MAKE ON PROPOSED TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION.

(D) WILL THERE BE ANYONE ACCOMPANYING YOU TO BUDAPEST? MUDD

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